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LOUISVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING FIREARM

– Three-time convicted felon, including two robberies

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **TAO PARKER**, age 43, of 3800 River Oaks Lane, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, **pled guilty** in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, to possessing a firearm after he had been convicted of a felony. **Parker** has three felony convictions, including convictions for drug possession and first degree robbery.

The maximum potential penalties are not 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, and 3 years supervised release.

Parker admitted that on August 17, 2006, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, he possessed a Colt .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol.

According to the Indictment, **Parker** has previously been convicted of the following felony offenses, all in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Circuit Court: October 11, 1996, Case Number 95-CR-1950, first degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine); May 11, 1987, Case Number 87-CR-0595, first degree robbery; May 11, 1987, Case Number 86-CR-1673, first degree robbery.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke and was investigated by the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The plea was entered before John G. Heyburn II, Chief, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Parker is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Heyburn on June 15, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

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